

## KLEINE AND EDISON FORM AN ALLIANCE

They Are to Put Out a Feature Film Service with Alternate Releases.

That George Kleine and Thomas A. Edison feature productions are to be combined in a service known as the Kleine-Edison Feature Film Service, is the gist of the latest and most important announcement of the season.

In a statement issued at his New York offices apropos of the merger, Mr. Kleine had much to say of the plans and ambitions of the new alliance.

The Kleine chain of offices located in the principal cities throughout the United States, will circulate the Edison product, thus assuring exhibitors a continuance of the prompt and efficient branch office service for which this organization has been noted. The output of the Kleine studios will be increased as rapidly as rigid adherence to the Kleine quality standard will permit. Kleine will open the service with his feature "Woman Next Door" starring Irene Fenwick, September 1. This will be followed by an Edison subject featuring Mrs. Fiske in "Vanity Fair." Edison will alternate with the Kleine product as far as possible, staging a number of feature plays and novels to which the Orange organization has secured the rights.

**Logical Development.**  
Wiseacres regard the alliance as a logical development of the steady call for more and better features, and point to the enviable reputation borne by both manufacturers as an assurance of its success.

Each feature will represent all that the present development of photography permits. The best of plays and novels, and the highest caliber of histrionic talent obtainable will mark the product of the alliance. Mr. Kleine voices the sentiment and ambition of Mr. Edison and himself in the statement that neither time nor expense will be spared in an effort to create the finest line of features possible.

Mr. Kleine stated, in discussing the plans of the new organization, that it was due to Mr. Edison's personal insistence that his name appeared before Edison's in the advertised title. He expressed his appreciation of this generous courtesy on the part of the man whose name stands easily at the head of all others as the founder of motion photography.

**Puts Quality First.**

Mr. Kleine referred to his last interview with Mr. Edison when they met to discuss the new arrangement, stating that it was characteristic of the great genius that he was more interested in the production plans, the quality of the product, public preference as to subjects, etc., than in cost of production or profits, adding that in his twenty years of association with Mr. Edison he had always known him to insist upon quality in all his business activities, whether motion picture machines,

film, batteries, phonographs or records. Realizing the harmful effect upon quality of film issues produced in haste, the output of the various studios will be limited to a quantity that will not bar the personal supervision of the controlling minds of the business. Miss Irene Fenwick will be seen in a number of big features to be produced in the Kleine studios.

## WHOLE TOWN TURNS OUT TO SEE KISSING

Man Wires Promise of Kiss Ahead and He Makes Good.

BERWICK, Pa., Aug. 21.—Declining the attention of a dozen Berwick eligibles, Miss Leah Derr, one of the town's most popular girls, met the other evening, along with about half the town, Fayel G. Stonebraker, of Clarinda, Ia., on his arrival at the station.

It was last December that Miss Derr sent her name, address and photograph to a Kansas correspondence club, and it wasn't long before she heard from Fayel, who went into raptures over her beauty. As evidence of good faith he returned what he thought was her photograph, which had been sent him by the correspondence club, but they had attached her name to another's picture.

When she sent a photograph to correct the false impression, his love became maddening and he wanted to come immediately. But Miss Derr was receiving letters from men of many minds from all over the world. Her room was filled with photographs of lonely men seeking a soul mate. It was to Fayel that she at last turned her affections and he arrived with matrimony as his object.

A telegram brought the news, "Throw your baggage down when I come because I am going to kiss you," and the town was out to see him make good. He did.

## OVERCOME BY GAS

La Railroad Engineer While Train Is in Tunnel.

CUMBERLAND, Aug. 21.—Engineer C. O. Stoner, of Hagerstown, was overcome by gas in Knobley tunnel on the Western Maryland railroad and rushed to the Allegheny hospital in the Butler ambulance in an unconscious condition. The train broke there several minutes the fireman noticed that Stoner was lying on the floor of the cab unconscious. He quickly cut the engine from the train and took the man to the Western Maryland depot in South Cumberland where the ambulance was called and the train dispatcher notified.

## NOW YOU SEE IT—NOW YOU DON'T.



Edward (Komic) Dillon, Fay Tinscher and other Komic (Mutual) Players "Doing" the San Diego Exposition.

Here they are! Edward (Komic) Dillon's troupe of Komic (Mutual) gloom chasers. At the time the accompanying photo was snapped, the members were risking their necks in an effort to follow the movements of a will-o'-the-wisp airship that was cutting all kinds of capers over the exposition grounds at San Diego, Cal. Director Dillon and popular Fay Tinscher are shown at the extreme left of the photo. To use the word of a famous foe of moviecoddlers, they had a "bully" time. Nevertheless, it was a flat-pursed crowd that returned to the Hollywood studios.

## GOOD RECORD

Made by Southwestern Division of the Baltimore and Ohio.

PARKERSBURG, Aug. 21.—Statements just compiled in the office of General Manager David of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern railroad show that during the months of June and July, the "on time" record for passenger trains on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern was ninety-six per cent.

When it is considered that this percentage includes local as well as through trains and that it includes both main line and branches, it is remarkable and a record of which operating and passenger officials should feel proud, according to a statement issued by W. B. Calloway, general passenger agent of Cincinnati.

## LIKES JAIL

Prisoner at Point Pleasant Refuses to Leave County Prison.

POINT PLEASANT, Aug. 21.—The police of Point Pleasant threaten to appeal to the courts for a writ of mandamus to compel Carl Neale, a prisoner here to leave the county jail. Neale walked into the jailer's office last week, and claiming he had shot a man, insisted on being locked up.

Investigation revealed he had shot and slightly wounded Charles Sullivan whom he found with his wife on a tow boat which was bound for Louis-

## Gossip of the Stage

Edith Taliaferro is playing in Denver, supported by her husband, Earle Brown.

Maurice Farkow, Vivian Rushmore and Francis D. McGinn will be seen in the company supporting Elsie Janis in her new comedy.

Jose Collins will be the prima donna in the new revue in which Raymond Hitchcock is to appear under the management of Cohan and Harris.

A short play by J. M. Barrie called "Rosalind," is to be given in New York this season. It is based upon what might be called middle aged romance.

"The Boomerang," with Wallace

Eddinger, Arthur Byron and Martha Hedman in the leading parts, has been generally acclaimed a success in New York, where it has just been produced.

"Brother Masons" began its season at Atlantic City this week. Frank McIntyre is the star of the production.

Emma Janvier, a former great stage favorite, is to appear in the cast of "Some Baby," when it is produced. Miss Janvier married some years ago and retired professionally.

Two companies to play "Peg of My Heart" will start early in September. Florence Martin will head one, and Dorothy Mackaye the other.

## UNIVERSAL LEADING MEN ARE HANDSOME



Hobart Henley is one of filmdom's latest acquisitions. Coming fresh from a successful career on the stage, he entered heartily into the daring work of the screen and has made so great a success that the Universal has sent him to their movie city in California where he will be starred in several big film productions.

William C. Dowling, an ambitious actor only a few months ago has been advanced to the position of a director of a Big U company, a post he has filled with so much originality and snap that when Juka Dean signed to star in a big feature for the Universal, it was William Dowling who was selected to direct the massive production.

Quiet, unassuming, almost too much so, folks who have the pleasure of Matt Moore's acquaintance all

## MINE MEN BANKRUPT RICHEST OF TOWNS

War between Operators and Municipality Brings Hibbing to Straits.

HIBBING, Minn., Aug. 21.—A war to the finish between the eleven mining companies operating here and the present town government has brought the village to the verge of bankruptcy. Hibbing is known as the "richest village in the world," because of the immense ore deposits that are being worked. It is estimated that 60,000 tons of ore is being shipped each week, valued at \$3 a ton.

By refusing to pay the village taxes the mining companies have tied up the town government. The object aimed at by the capitalists is the control of the expenditures of the town government. They have issued an ultimatum to the town fathers that demands complete surrender. The people of the town, headed by Hammond. Since then an effort has

agreed that the good looking young Imp actor is a delightful companion as well as a splendid young actor. Mr. Moore comes from a family of screen folks, having two brothers and a sister who have achieved fame.

Tall, handsome and stalwart, Wellington Playter, six feet two, was engaged by the Universal some months ago to act in Bison animal pictures. Although Mr. Playter had never made friends with the denizens of the jungle previously, he now claims many of the wildest animals in Universal City, Cal., as good pals.

Arthur Shirley is another young actor who, though new in the films, has had an extensive career as an actor of quality on the theatrical stage. He is now engaged in playing opposite the beautiful Cleo Madison in Gold Seal features directed by Joseph De Grasse.

been made to bring the warring faction to terms. The ultimatum of the mining companies was delivered last week, and promptly rejected.

The town council is considering the plan of seizing the ore at the mines for the payment of taxes. Retaliation is suggested by the shutting down of the mines. Mayor Power claims that under the statutes, the town has the right to seize the ore and also to prosecute criminally. The state auditor has the power to prevent the companies from taking ore.

The debts of the town are being paid in orders that will be cashed with interest, when the controversy is settled. Mayor Power assures each creditor that property with an assessed valuation of \$84,000,000 is security for the orders. His letter to creditors explains the situation thus:

**Matter of Starvation.**  
"Representatives came to the village of Hibbing and threatened that if the council did not surrender its rights as individuals and as officers and representatives of the people to the Oliver Mining Company the company would force them to do so by refusing to pay their taxes, claiming that they had a perfect right to compel the people of the village to submit to the condition of affairs by reason of their enormous wealth, and that if they refused to submit by the surrendering of their rights as American citizens and independent people, that they the Oliver Mining Company, would starve them into submission." The village is powerless to collect the delinquent taxes. It is in a powerful vise that can be released only by arbitration or the surrender, in part or in whole, of the town government's rights.

## AUTO-HEARSE

Is Wrecked and Corpse Plunged over an Embankment.

WHEELING, Aug. 21.—Brooke county's first auto funeral ended in a wreck, from which the corpse and coffin were rescued shortly afterward. The funeral started from Avella, Pa., with the corpse in a big gray funeral hearse-auto and was bound for the Franklin cemetery, near Wellsburg. Three miles out of Wellsburg on the Washington pike the auto-hearse became unmanageable and plunged over an embankment. The hearse was wrecked and from the wreckage the coffin was extricated and after another vehicle had been provided the funeral continued to the cemetery.

The big gray auto-hearse is the same that passed through this city but a few days ago conveying a body to the Woodhill cemetery, in Marshall county.

## USES EGGS TO ROUT BOLD HIGHWAYMEN

Breakfast Food Utilized with Good Effect upon Footpads.

CHESTER, Pa., Aug. 21.—When highwaymen stopped Wallace Games and ordered him to hand over his watch and money, Games responded by pelting the thieves with eggs from a bag he was carrying. The eggs were thrown full in the faces of the footpads, and all the time Games kept shouting "Police." Leaving Games unharmed and in possession of his gold watch and a large sum of money, the hold-up men beat a quick retreat down the street. Games says the eggs were intended for his breakfast this morning, but he was satisfied with the use he put them to and the purpose the breakfast served him.

## SPLENDID SCHEDULE IS ADOPTED BY BIJOU

Three, Four and Five Part Features Are Supplemented with Comedies.

Look carefully at the Bijou theater advertisement in today's paper and you will notice a lot of extra high class pictures that will be on the Bijou screen this week. The Bijou schedule has been rearranged to include all three, four and five part pictures of the highest

pictures will be found in the Telegram on the day of its showing.

The new Bijou schedule will include the great V. L. S. E. special features each Thursday. "Broadway Star" features each Tuesday and four part Edison masterpieces each Friday. Kalem four part features, Essanay four part features and Klaw and Erlanger three and four part features, and last but not least, the great Knickerbocker company's spec-



Scene from "The Rosary," Great V. L. S. E. Photoplay to Be Shown Thursday at the Bijou Theater.

order. Also each day's program will be filled up with high class comedies. The Pathe News will be shown Tuesday and Thursday. Ade's fable and the "Dreamy, Dood" cartoons Tuesday and Thursday. Ade's fable Elaine" Friday. All other serial pictures have been cut off the programs. A description of each day's

Picture lovers will be sure to see the last thing in pictures at the Bijou. There are no repeaters. The big thing this week will be the V. L. S. E. seven act "Red Seal" feature, "The Rosary," which comes on Thursday, August 28. Put a pin in this date. Kathryn Williams will be the principal actress in this high class picture.

## May Build Ordnance Factory at Wheeling

Capitalists Are There, Seeking to Locate a Suitable Site.

WHEELING, Aug. 21.—A company capitalized at a great figure has representatives in the city at the present time looking for a suitable site for a factory, where ammunition and war supplies can be manufactured on a very extensive scale. Several very large buildings, one of them a former brewery building, are said to be under consideration as the possible location for the plant, which will likely employ about 1,000 skilled workmen. R. C. Soderland and J. H. Sherrburg, two of the representatives of the corporation, which is said to be backed by the Dupont Powder Company, are here and made a trip about the city in an automobile, presumably inspecting possible buildings that might be easily remodeled to suit their purpose.

"We are looking for a site close to the city in order that we may secure skilled labor without any difficulty. The Wheeling district, from our point of view, seems to be an ideal location, particularly because of the large supplies of coal and gas that are available." When asked if the cessation of war would in any way interfere with the operation of the factory, the representative stated that "war material was being manufactured at all times and that at the present time all the factories in the world were unable to supply the demand."

The two men are said to be from New York City, one of them, Mr. Soderland, being a resident of Moscow, Russia. He talks very broken English and looks the part of a typical Russian. It is also rumored that he is connected with the Russian war department and that the factory should be located here, would supply that country with material needed.

The fact that it is to be an "ordnance factory" would indicate that all kinds of war material, even to large rifles, may be made here on an extensive scale. The proximity of the steel mills would also be a great thing in supporting the factory.

## WALL STREET DUBIOUS ABOUT VIRGINIA DEBT

Certificates Take Tumble from Seventy-One to Below Sixty.

That the Wall Street syndicate which was so vitally interested in the saddling of the Virginia debt on West Virginia is not so certain that it will collect the enormous amount that the United States supreme court of appeals has ordered this state to pay is proven by a sudden action in the Virginia debt certificates.

The debt certificates reached seventy-one when the now famous decision was handed down by the highest tribunal in the land but they have suddenly taken a tumble to less than sixty.

The figure set just after the decision was made possible because of the belief of the Wall Street crowd that West Virginia would meekly hasten to make a settlement of the big burden.

This not being done with as much celerity as expected has evidently caused a bit of uneasiness among the big brokers who are interested.

## Makes a Big Hit In Film Features

Much of the tremendous success accorded "Just Jim," a Broadway Universal film feature is due to the excellent acting of Harry D. Carey, the leading man playing the title role. Mr. Carey is a young actor who has won fame and distinction on the



HARRY D. CAREY, Famous Broadway Star in "Just Jim," a Broadway Universal feature.

stage before entering the world of films in such plays as "Montana" and "The Heart of Alaska," plays which he not only wrote, but produced with great success throughout the country. "Just Jim" is the first Universal picture in which Mr. Carey appeared. It has created a sensation so much so that he was selected to play opposite Julia Deane in "Renunciation."

## A Film Play as Viewed by the Noted Cartoonist, Merle Johnson

